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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi

Briefing by the Secretariat

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (S/1998/839, S/1998/990, S/1998/1040 and S/1998/1082)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	60th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine clearance [42]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.28).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [86] (A/53/21/Rev.1, A/53/509)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39 (Public administration and development) (item 12)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.35 (Cultural development) (item 93 (g)); A/C.2/53/L.36 (Renewal of the dialogue) (item 93 (d)); A/C.2/53/L.6 (Industrial development cooperation) (item 92 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.12 (Declaration on International Economic Cooperation and the Fourth International Development Decade) (item 93 (a)); and A/C.2/53/L.7 (Corruption and bribery) (item 92 (a))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.52, L.54 and L.55

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.46 and L.50

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.38, L.43, L.47, L.59 and L.61

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.32, L.36, L.42, L.44 and L.48

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 120 (United Nations common system (A/53/30 and Corr.1, A/52/811, A/C.5/53/4 and A/C.5/53/27))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 4

United Nations Decade of International Law [149] (A/53/332 and Add.1, A/53/492, A/53/525, A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1, L.12 and L.14)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1, L.8/Rev.1, L.12 and L.14

3 p.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [152] (A/53/26 and A/C.6/53/L.13)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.9 and L.13

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Sixth Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Human resources management reform
2. United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL) (Working paper)
3. Draft report
4. Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9 a.m.-9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal presentations

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, will brief the interested delegations on his recent mission to Central America and the United Nations efforts to mobilize international response to the countries affected by Hurricane Mitch *today*, 17 November 1998, at 12 noon in Conference Room 2.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, in collaboration with the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Mine Action Service, Office of Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, for all States parties and signatory States to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction, to discuss and review a draft of Article 7 (Transparency measures). The meeting will take place *today*, 17 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 61st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Bethlehem 2000: draft resolution (A/53/L.37)* [157].
2. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2).

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* To be issued.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on a brainstorming session on desertification)* on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 pm. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting on the World Conference on Racism, organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. The panellists include Mrs. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York, and Mrs. Mwila Grace Banda Chigaga, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held on the same day at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Symposium

A symposium on a Universal Networking Language (an electronic language accessible to Internet users and compatible with standard network servers), organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University, will be held on Thursday, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal briefing

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Canada and Costa Rica on their intersessional initiative will be held on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 16 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

58th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.31, A/53/L.32, A/53/L.33, A/53/L.36);

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.26/Rev.2.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1 and A/53/L.36.

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/53/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Mexico, Ukraine and China.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Malaysia, India, the Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein and Bangladesh.

59th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/501) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/139) [20 (a)];

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/157, A/53/213, A/53/291, A/53/292, A/53/307, A/53/316, A/53/330, A/53/344, A/53/359, A/53/361, A/53/377, A/53/424, A/53/538);

(ii) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.31, A/53/L.32, A/53/L.33, A/53/L.36);

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/153) [20 (d)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 20.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), the United States, Norway, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Cuba, Tajikistan, Ecuador (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Liberia and Israel.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at the 58th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.36, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.26/Rev.2, A/53/L.27, A/53/L.29, A/53/L.30/Rev.1, A/53/L.32 and A/53/L.36 (resolutions 53/1 D to I).

The Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/213).

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Assembly was informed that draft resolutions A/53/L.31 and A/53/L.33 would be considered at a later date.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 20th meeting

Questions relating to information [86]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, Cuba, Ghana, Viet Nam, Azerbaijan, Japan, Singapore, Belarus, Israel, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 members of CARICOM, which are members of the United Nations), Romania and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement

SECOND COMMITTEE 39th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.39

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution and informed the Committee that Argentina, Burkina Faso, Egypt, the Philippines and Senegal had joined in sponsoring it.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the Chairman informed the Committee that Austria (on behalf of the European Union) had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and informed the Committee that Japan and the United States had joined in sponsoring it.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 93 (e).

Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey) informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24 and drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24/Rev.1.

The representative of Tunisia informed the Committee that his delegation had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 96 (a).

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.22

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and informed the Committee that Morocco and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring it.

The representative of Morocco took the floor on a point of order.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representatives of Malta, Oman and Bahrain informed the Committee that they had become co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote, before the vote, were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The draft resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 116 votes to 2, with 8 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote, after the vote, were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The representatives of Suriname, Guyana and Lebanon informed the Committee that had they been present during the vote they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

The representative of Bulgaria informed the Committee that his delegation aligned itself with the statement made by the representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union) in explanation of vote, after the vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 97.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and had before it documents A/C.2/53/6 and A/53/664.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union; the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Norway, aligned themselves with this statement), Japan, the Russian Federation, the United States and Egypt.

The Chairman made a statement.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and the representative of Japan made a statement. At the request of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee decided to postpone discussion of the item.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next formal meeting would be announced in the *Journal*.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 47th meeting

Note: The summary of the 47th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/222).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 27th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors, Mr. V.K. Shunglu, Comptroller and Auditor-General of India, introduced the reports of the Board (A/52/5 (Vol. II), A/53/5 (Vol. I, III and IV), A/53/5/Add.1-10, A/52/879, A/52/811, A/53/217).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/53/335 and Add.1).

The Committee also had before it the report of the Secretary-General on Guidelines for Internal Control Standards (A/52/867).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/53/513 and A/53/508).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 1 p.m.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Cuba, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and Algeria.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria on behalf of the European Union.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

28th meeting

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Panama (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United States, Egypt, Japan, the Philippines, Yemen, Jamaica, Azerbaijan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374, A/53/664, A/C.5/53/30 and A/53/7/Add.4)

The Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Officer -in-Charge for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/374).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.4).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Romania, Cyprus, Japan, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Ukraine.

The representative of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) stated that the Group's statement on the issue would be delivered at a later meeting.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 (A/C.5/53/2)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Algeria.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to questions posed

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30, A/C.5/53/4)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to a question posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commisssion in the context of its consultations on the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/53/30).

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice (A/C.5/53/11)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/53/7/Add.6).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that it had concluded its general discussion on this question and that informal consultations would be held at a later date.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1999 (A/C.5/53/29)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Indonesia.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to approve the recommendation of a subvention of 213,000 United States dollars from the regular budget of the United Nations for 1999, on the understanding that no additional appropriation would be required under section 2B (Disarmament) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and financial implications arising from recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/C.5/53/3)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/511).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board in the context of its consultations on the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/53/9).

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

A/53/3, Chapters I, VIII (sections B and C) and X

Following a statement by the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the Chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3) which were allocated to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this issue.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 30th and 31st meetings

Note: The summary of the 30th and 31st meetings of the Sixth Committee will apper in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/ 222).

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 195th meeting

The Chairman spoke.

Security of missions and the safety of their personnel

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Chief of the Safety and Security Service made a statement and responded to questions raised by delegations.

The Chairman also spoke.

Other matters

Statements were made by the observer for Belarus and the representative of the United States.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 1998

352nd and 353rd meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Croatia (CAT/C/33/Add.4). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1998

354th and 355th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee considered the third periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (CAT/C/44/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
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29th and 30th meetings

The nineteenth session of the Committee was declared open by the Chairman.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights addressed the Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.12/1998/9.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee considered and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/1998/L.2), as amended during the discussion.

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations with respect to the reports scheduled for consideration at the nineteenth session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Jordan (13 November 1998)*

Ratification: Paraguay (13 November 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Ratification: Costa Rica (11 November 1998)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Approval: Cuba (19 October 1998)*

Ratification: Costa Rica (11 November 1998)*

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification: Belgium (13 November 1998)*

Ratification: Poland (13 November 1998)*

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Ratification: Belgium (13 November 1998)*

Ratification: Poland (13 November 1998)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Signature: Tuvalu (16 November 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arrangements will be made for the signing of the Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations by a number of countries *today*, 17 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205 (Treaty Section Signature Room).

All delegations intending to sign are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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Presentation of a gift

On behalf of the United Nations, the Secretary-General will accept a gift from the Governments of Kenya, Namibia and Nepal on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, at 12 noon, at the north-west corner of the United Nations garden.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", on Thursday, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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